

House Resolution No. 3977

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Ozarks Foods Harvest, the Food Bank of the Ozarks, which is observing its twenty-fifth year of service to the Missouri Ozarks area; and

Whereas, Ozarks Food Harvest has been the only organization recovering safe food that would otherwise be discarded, which it warehouses and distributes to a network of charities that includes more than three hundred agencies and charities serving twenty-nine counties in southwest Missouri, agencies that serve low-income and disadvantaged children and adults, working poor families, and seniors, and charities that include shelters, soup kitchens, group homes, senior centers, pantries, and daycares; and

Whereas, since 2002, Executive Director Bart Brown has made major contributions to Ozarks Food Harvest's twenty-five years of success, by increasing food distribution efforts and tripling the operating budget for hunger relief programs, making Ozarks Food Harvest one of the largest nonprofits in the area; and

Whereas, due to Executive Director Brown's efforts, Ozarks Food Harvest has been honored with the Jane Meyer Nonprofit Excellence Award, was Missouri Governor Matt Blunt's first "Show Me Solutions" award recipient for outstanding nonprofit- and private-sector collaboration, and was awarded the inaugural Economic Impact Nonprofit of the Year Award by the Springfield Business Journal in recognition of the more than \$7 million worth of food and programming it provides each year to southwest Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations and gratitude to the Ozarks Food Harvest for the incalculable service it provides, with our very best wishes for continued success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Ozarks Food Harvest.

Offered by _____

Representative Sara Lampe, District No. 138
Representative Charlie Denison, District No. 135
Representative Bob Dixon, District No. 140
Representative B.J. Marsh, District No. 136
Representative Charlie Norr, District No. 137
Representative Shane Schoeller, District No. 139
Representative Jay Wasson, District No. 141

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3977, adopted August 27, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker